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Re: RM-8218

I am sending you a copy of my letter to the FCC in regards to RM-8218 which I feel is a total disaster to amateur radio. I am sure you most likely have received numerous letters in regards to this matter.

I have not dwelled into technical details but I do feel that the ARRL has really been misinformed on this matter. Inter-mixing non-compatible modes in such small frequency allocations is total disregard to the amateur community or possibly the lack of knowledge by the ARRL BOD. It does appears that the ARRL disregarded their own digital committee.

I have always put my trust in the ARRL and have fully supported the ARRL since becoming an ham. I have watched ARRL do things over the last
~~few years that have been great and some things have been a disaster~~

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Re: RM-8218

My past experience in communications, military, commercial and radio amateur over the last 43 years prompts me to write regarding the pending RM-8218. I have not included technical data on modes involved as anyone in communications field should basically understand their parameters etc.

In studying RM-8218, I find this is a serious attempt to accomplish chaos in Amateur radio. The concept of setting aside small segments for "FULLY AUTOMATIC FORWARDING" is a viable idea BUT intermixing "NON-COMPATIBLE" modes is a total disaster. Someone has not done their homework in the technical department or simply have been drastically misled.

I have been also studying the ARRL's Digital Committee's reports and even they stressed this is not workable. There is NO technical basis why this RM should have even been recommended by the ARRL. Apparently more political motivated than anything else.

The consequences will be something like Yugoslavia "ETHNIC CLEANSING" except here it will be "MODE CLEANSING". There is already talk of high power wars. Various groups are teaming up to claim "territory" and RM-8218 is not even a reality yet. THIS IS PROGRESS? Not a very good example for the rest of the world!

I might add that I am a high volume digital traffic handler of which most of my traffic is overseas to our fellow Americans. In speaking with the foreign traffic stations, they simply say they will not enter these new American frequency segments. They also say our problems shall not become their problems. In other words RM-8218 will end up creating unuseable frequency segments resulting in the United States being cut-off from the world-wide traffic networks. WE DESERVE BETTER!

I have invested alot of money and effort into creating a very efficient traffic system. I use only SEMI-AUTOMATIC FORWARDING to insure no QRM is caused to other stations.

If the FCC implements RM-8218, I hope that they will not include Semi-Automatic Forwarding as this has been found to be extremely efficient and cause NO interference to other stations. The semi-automatic forwarding group did a top notch job during the Kuwait situation.

RM-8218 is not an answer but a problem. I highly recommend further study by ARRL and for them to rely upon their own Digital Committee of technical people. SOMETHING SERIOUSLY HAS GONE ASTRAY AT ARRL!

Sincerely,



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